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Title: Slitter-Splicer for Joining the Ends of Sheets

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Enclosed is Form PTO 1499 with a copy of the patent which is listed on the form.

Applicant believes the Ikovitz patent is only of general applicability.

Applicant encloses, and hereby incorporates by reference, the IDS submitted in the related patent application, Serial No. 09/187,376 (resulting in Pat. No. 6,331,222), referred to in the first paragraph of the specification. Applicants do not believe the documents mentioned in the '376 file have any bearing on the patentability of the present invention, but they submit them in prudence. The '376 IDS refers to still another somewhat-related application. That application resulted in Pat. No. 6,142,288 which is for apparatus in which the '376 slitter was used. Applicant does not believe the '288 patent is a "related patent" to the present application, because it has less disclosure about slitters than does the '376 application and resultant patent.

Respectfully submitted,
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Title: Splicer for Joining Thin Sheets

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Enclosed is Form PTO 1499 together with copies of the documents listed.

Applicants submit advertising and instructional materials which they have. All of it has unknown date. For purposes of the present examination, applicants admit for all the documents a publication date of more than one year prior to the 11/06/97 filing date of their provisional application No. 60/063,986, from which they claim benefit. Applicants regret the poor quality of some of the reproductions, but they are commensurate with what applicants have.

Document AR is primarily about a free-hand-held splicer which operates in a mode that is very little related to applicants' splicer. The splicer carries a reel of tape and an extendible knife to cut the tape after the splice is done. See the top left sketch and words, and the lower right text and sketch.

The document AS is about a cart but it refers to a splicer which evidently works by vacuum means. A splice plate which employs alignment pins is referred to in the text at the upper right.

Document AT shows a stack feeder where it appears the stacks are translated manually. There is a stanchion at the left discharge end. Making a deduction from the title of the machine and logic, what appears to be the whole or part of a splicer device overhangs the stack support table, near the midpoint of the machine.

The examiner is referred to the Preliminary Amendment where a related application is referenced.

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AR	THE LASERFEED COMPANY "HOW TO USE THE LASERFEED SPLICE RITE [®] ", UNKNOWN DATE, INSTRUCTION SHEET, ONE PAGE					
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